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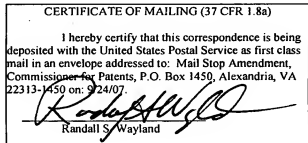
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Jeffrey M. Amsden et al.
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated 8/22/07, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued an Election Requirement identifying the inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a multi-tubular reactor, classified in class 422, subclasses 196, 222.

Group II. Claims 7-11, drawn to a method for assembling a multi-tubular reactor, classified in class 29, subclass 890.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown:

(1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process.

Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I, upon which claims 1-6 read, without traverse.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.


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